SEZ in Gopalpur, Orissa

1510. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the British Government has shown interest for establishing a Special Economic Zone (SEZ) in Gopalpur port area of Orissa; and

(b) if so, the projects proposed to be taken up by the British Government in the field of commerce and trade, education, health, construction of roads and development of ports, etc. with benefits accruing to the State for economic development?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) In principle approval has been granted for setting up of a Special Economic Zone (SEZ) at Gopalpur to Government of Orissa on the basis of proposal received from them. However, no proposal has been received from the British Government for establishment of a SEZ in Gopalpur port area of Orissa.

New branches of ECGC

1511. SHRI CHO S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are planning to open new branches of Export Credit and Guarantee Corporation;

(b) if so, the places where these are proposed to be opened to facilitate the exporters and by when;

(c) the allocation of funds for opening up these new branches; and

(d) the details of the attention which would be given to the exporters through these new branches?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) ECGC, a Government Undertaking, proposes to open satellite branch offices in centres like Chandigarh, Jodhpur, Rajkot, Noida,